

TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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DIGEST

Amends 312 IAC 9-3-14 to extend the running season and change the starting date for the trapping season for raccoons and opossums. Effective thirty (30) days after filing with the Publisher.

312 IAC 9-3-14

SECTION 1. 312 IAC 9-3-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

312 IAC 9-3-14 Opossums and raccoons

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 14-22; IC 35-47-2

Sec. 14. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an individual may:

(1) ~~hunt take~~ raccoons and Virginia opossums from ~~noon~~ **8 a.m.** on November 8 until noon on January 31 of the following year.

(2) ~~trap raccoons and Virginia opossums from 8 a.m. on November 15 until noon on January 31 of the following year.~~

(3) chase raccoons and Virginia opossums from noon on February ~~15~~ **1** until noon on October ~~14~~ **25**.

(b) A nonresident may:

(1) ~~hunt take~~ raccoons under subsection (a)(1); ~~and~~

(2) ~~trap raccoons under subsection (a)(2);~~

only to the extent that these raccoon seasons in the state of the nonresident are open to Indiana residents.

(c) An individual must not do the following:

(1) Possess a firearm, air rifle, or another device capable of taking a raccoon or Virginia opossum while chasing a raccoon or opossum during the chasing season established under subsection (a)(3).

(2) Remove, attempt to remove, dislodge, or attempt to dislodge a raccoon or Virginia opossum from:

(A) a tree hollow;

(B) a hole;

(C) a den;

(D) a pocket;

(E) a cavity;

(F) a burrow;

(G) a tile; or

(H) any other place;
where the raccoon or Virginia opossum has secreted itself for security or protection or in which the raccoon maintains a nest or den.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c)(1), an individual may possess a handgun in accordance with IC 35-47 while chasing raccoons and Virginia opossums under this section if the person:

(1) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun:

(A) issued under IC 35-47-2-3; or

(B) recognized under IC 35-47-2-21(b); or

(2) is not required to possess a license to carry a handgun under IC 35-47-2-2.

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